

Bishop Perrin Church of England Primary School



Sun Safe Policy

Non-Statutory Policy

Our school is a Church of England School and works in partnership with our two local parish churches, St Augustine's and Ss Philip & James'. We aim to reflect the values, traditions and beliefs of the Christian Faith and therefore our Spiritual Values underpin everything that we do.

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1 AIMS

It is the school's policy to ensure the wellbeing of each and every member of the school community through managing sun safe procedures.

The school's Sun Safe policy sets out how Bishop Perrin School ensures children are made aware of the danger of over-exposure to the sun and what steps and measures can be taken to allow them to be safe in the sun. Through age-appropriate teaching and learning, the school will provide education on sun safe health and safety practice to the school community. This might be through sending advisory literature home to parents, specific sun safe lessons in school with class-based display and discussion, liaison with the school nurse and themed assemblies.

The school follows guidance from the NHS:
[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

2 PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Children are taught that even when there is cloud cover, it is still possible to be harmed by the sun's UV rays on the skin and in the eyes. Therefore, the school follows these points:

- The school community are advised regularly about sun safe practice and procedure at Bishop Perrin School and in the wider environment
- The school community are advised and encouraged to use preventative measures against the effects of the sun
- Adults in the school community are responsible for personal sun safe procedures
- Parents and carers are advised that it is their responsibility to apply protective creams to their children before the school day begins
- Children attending residential school journeys are asked to bring their own supply of protective sun cream with them and they are responsible for applying it to themselves before going outside
- Parents are encouraged to send an appropriate school sun hat, in line with the school's uniform policy, into school for their child to wear. Adults in the school are responsible for reminding pupils to wear their hats and all hats should be named to reduce the risk of cross infection of head lice.
- Children are permitted to bring suitable and appropriate sunglasses for outdoor use. This is at the parents' own risk.

3 FLUID INTAKE

Children are encouraged to bring in a named bottle of water for consumption during the school day. They are reminded to make sure that they are drinking plenty of water when the temperature during the school day. Children are permitted to refill their water bottles during the day if they run out of water and drinking water is available for all children during lunchtime in the hall.

Adults in the school are responsible for monitoring their own intake of fluid during hot spells.

4 USING THE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

Children and adults are encouraged to seek shade when using the outdoor environment. Shade is provided in the playground by physical structures and temporary gazebos if necessary.

Children are encouraged not to physically exert themselves when it is particularly hot and in extreme conditions, a supervised air-conditioned classroom is made available at lunchtimes which all children are able to access.

A risk assessment is made prior to any outdoor PE lesson and if it is deemed too hot for a PE lesson to be conducted safely outside, then the PE lesson will either be moved indoors to the hall (if available) or cancelled. Cancelled PE lessons will be re-scheduled for a later date if possible, with regards to timetabling constraints.

For sports events, trips and visits to off-site venues, risk assessments will be undertaken beforehand to assess whether it is safe for the event to go ahead if there is extreme heat. If it is deemed unsafe for the event to go ahead, it will be cancelled/postponed.

5 REVIEW AND MONITORING

This policy will be reviewed by SLT within the stated review cycle or sooner if there is a change in guidance and best practice.